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SUBJECT: UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION--STEAMROLLER TACTICS

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SUMMARY: SENIOR MEA OFFICIAL WHO ATTENDED UNGA SPECIAL SESSION CONTENTS THAT MAJORITY BEHAVED RESPONSIBLY, THAT VIEWS OF OTHERS WERE TAKEN SUFFICIENTLY INTO ACCOUNT, AND THAT ONLY USG SERIOUSLY UNHAPPY WITH OUTCOME. HE ADDS FMG FULLY APPRECIATES DANGER OF "STEAMROLLER" AND NEED TO GAIN SUPPORT OF DCS IN MAJOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKINGS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN DISCUSSION JUNE 11 WITH MEA DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT ADENIJI, WHO ATTENDED UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, POLCOUNSELOR OUTLINED USG CONCERNS NOTED REFTTEL RE "STEAMROLLER" TACTICS ADOPTED IN NEW YORK BY NACG/G-77 "AUTOMATIC MAJORITY."

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2. ADENIJI TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO REFTEL ARGUMENTS THAT NACG/G-77 FAILED TAKE ADEQUATE ACCOUNT OF VIEWS OF STATES NOT FORMING PART OF THEIR "AUTOMATIC MAJORITY." HE INSISTED THAT EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD BOTH IN SESSIONS AND IN CORRIDORS IN EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE INTERESTS OF DCS AS WELL AS LDCS, AND THAT INDEED VIRTUALLY ALL DCS (ESPECIALLY WEOS) EXCEPT US WERE FINALLY ABLE ACCEPT CONSENSUS STATEMENT. ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED APRIL 29 (PARA 3 REFTEL) SIMPLY CAME TOO LATE AND WOULD HAVE REQUIRED SIGNIFICANT EXTENSION OF SPECIAL SESSION--FOR WHICH MOST DELEGATIONS UNPREPARED--TO PERMIT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON, ADENIJI SAID, THAT DECISION TAKEN TO ADJOURN DEBATE, AND NOT BECAUSE LDCS WERE UNWILLING TO EXAMINE OTHER VIEWS.

3. RESPONDING TO USG CONCERN ABOUT "STEAMROLLER" TACTICS, ADENIJI ARGUED THAT INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS AT SPECIAL SESSION DEMONSTRATED LDC AWARENESS OF NEED TO WIN DC SUPPORT IF SUCH MAJOR UNDERTAKING AS ACTION PROGRAM IS TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF SUCCESS. "AUTOMATIC MAJORITY", IN HIS VIEW, WAS EXERCISED IN THOROUGHLY RESPONSIBLE FASHION, AND HE EXPECTED THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES IN FUTURE TO ACCOMMODATE INTEREST OF ALL STATES.

4. COMMENT: DISCUSSION WAS ENTIRELY AMICABLE, BUT MADE CLEAR THAT USG AND FMG HOLD DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED VIEWS OF WHAT HAPPENED AT SPECIAL SESSION AND LESSONS OF THIS EXPERIENCE FOR FUTURE. NIGERIANS CLEARLY FEEL THAT THEY AND THEIR NACG/G/77 COLLEAGUES BEHAVED RESPONSIBLY IN NEW YORK, AND THAT SIMILAR BEHAVIOR IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE TO ATTAINMENT OF THEIR OBJECTIVES. WE WILL TAKE SUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO REITERATE USG CONCERN AS EXPRESSED REFTEL, BUT SUSPECT FROM NIGERIAN ATTITUDE THAT BEHAVIOR PATTERN DEMONSTRATED AT SPECIAL SESSION WILL BE HARD TO ALTER.  
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